

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with 1, 11, 12, 25, and 26 being the independent claims. Claims 1-7, 9-14, 19, 20, and 24-26 are sought to be amended. These changes introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-7, 10, 11, and 13 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter with applicant regards as the invention.

Pursuant to the Examiner's concerns, the Applicant has amended claims 3-5, 7, and 10 with regard to the reference to "said database." These claims now refer to "said shared database."

Applicant has also amended claims 3, 11, and 13, changing "the physical structure" to "a physical structure" as per the Examiner's comments regarding these claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 and 23-25 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,134,549 ("Regnier").

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the creation of a plurality of information collection structures, wherein the information collection structures comprise a presentation object and a service object, wherein the service object customizes information in the shared database and the presentation object customizes display of the information. This feature is not disclosed by Regnier, and this claim is not anticipated by this reference for at least this reason.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 as amended and therefore include all features of claim 1. Because claim 1 now includes the above feature, claims 2-10 also include this feature. This feature is not disclosed by Regnier. Claims 2-10 are not anticipated by Regnier for at least this reason.

Claim 11 has also been amended to include the creation of information collection structures, wherein the information collection structures comprise a presentation object and a service object, wherein the service object customizes information in the shared database and the presentation object customizes display of the information. This feature is not disclosed by Regnier, and this claim is not anticipated by this reference for at least this reason.

Claim 12 has been amended to include a plurality of information collection structures, wherein the information collection structures comprise a presentation object and a service object, wherein the service object customizes information in the shared database and the presentation object customizes display of the information. This feature

is not disclosed by Regnier, and this claim is not anticipated by this reference for at least this reason.

Claims 13-20, 23, and 24 depend from claim 12 as amended and therefore include all features of claim 12. Because claim 12 now includes the above feature, claims 13-20, 23, and 24 also include this feature. This feature is not disclosed by Regnier. Claims 13-20, 23 and 24 are not anticipated by Regnier for at least this reason.

Claim 25 has been amended to include a shared application infrastructure for structuring said database at a logical level using a service object and producing a customized view of said database using a presentation object. This feature is not disclosed by Regnier, and this claim is not anticipated by this reference for at least this reason.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 21, 22, and 26 as being obvious over Regnier in view of U.S. Patent 6,272,470 ("Teshima").

Claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 12 as amended and include all features thereof. The rejection of claims 21 and 22 is premised on the Examiner's contention that all features of claim 12 are disclosed by Regnier. As discussed above, claim 12 as amended is not anticipated by Regnier, because this reference does not disclose the feature of a plurality of information collection structures, wherein the information collection structures comprise a presentation object and a service object, wherein the service object customizes information in the shared database and the presentation object customizes display of the information. Moreover, this feature is not disclosed by

Teshima. In addition, this feature is not suggested by either reference, alone or in combination. For at least this reason, claims 21 and 22 are not rendered obvious by these references.

Claim 26 has also been amended to include the feature of creating information collection structures that comprise a presentation object and a service object, wherein the service object customizes information in the shared database and the presentation object customizes display of the information. This feature is not disclosed or suggested by either Teshima or Regnier. This claim is therefore not rendered obvious by these references when considered alone or in combination.

Other Matters

The amendment of claims 1, 11, 12, 25, and 26 is supported by the Specification at least at p. 12, par. 0043 and p. 13, para. 0044-0047.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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